

Senate Resolution 82

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd and Stoner of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of Mason Varner and dedicating a highway in his memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mason Varner was born on May 8, 1932, in Macland Community. He spent
4 his entire life in Macland, with the exception of four years he spent in the United States Coast
5 Guard. One of his lifelong friends, Clint Carlile, said Mason could not wait to get back to
6 Macland every chance he got while in the service; and

7 WHEREAS, Mason attended McEachern School and graduated in 1949. Six high school
8 friends and Mason joined the Coast Guard in 1952 for a four-year stint; and

9 WHEREAS, Mason met Ann Greenway, a teacher at McEachern School, and they were
10 married on March 4, 1956, and had three children, Melinda, Teri, and John. Ann passed
11 away in 2001; and

12 WHEREAS, after Mason was discharged from service and returned to Macland, he started
13 Varner's Ace Hardware store at the intersection of Macland and New Macland-Lost
14 Mountain Roads. He and Ann operated the store for approximately 20 years. He was a great
15 businessman; and

16 WHEREAS, Varner's store at Macland became a community institution, and all types of
17 local, state, and national political discussions were held there; and

18 WHEREAS, fishing was a passion for Mason and he spent many days and nights on a lake
19 with friends, and some of his favorite memories after retirement were from his cabin on Lake
20 Weiss in Alabama; and

21 WHEREAS, Mason was a lifetime member of McEachern United Methodist Church and
22 supported its many programs. He was also a member of Austell Post #216 of The American
23 Legion; and

24 WHEREAS, Mason passed away on November 13, 2007, surrounded by his children,
25 grandchildren, brother, sister, nieces, nephews, and many friends. It was exactly as he would
26 have wanted it.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
28 GEORGIA that the members of this body express their sincerest condolences to the family
29 and friends of Mason Varner upon his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a portion of Macland Road, SR 360, from the Paulding
31 County line into Cobb County and ending at John Petree Road be dedicated as the Mason
32 Varner Memorial Highway.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
34 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Mason Varner Memorial
35 Highway.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mason Varner and the
38 Department of Transportation.